

# HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Website: [www.huilimakoua.com](http://www.huilimakoua.com). Happy Statehood Day Hawaii!!!

**Next Club Activity.** (a) The potluck meeting for August has been cancelled due to the absence of many members of the Ukulele Club of Ventura County who are attending an Ukulele Festival in Las Vegas. A total of 9 members will be going to Vegas. Good luck in Vegas! (b) Tentative future programs include:

**Aug 10.** Potluck-meeting cancelled due to Ukulele group performing in Las Vegas.

**Sep 14,** Election and installation of officers at Fuji's Restaurant in Oxnard starting at 11:00am.

**Oct 12.** Hawaiian Culture Get Together Mini-Luau at OLA Church starting at noon.

**Past Club Activity.** (a) Mahalo to **Ron Wong** for arranging a boat trip around Anacapa Island on July 13, a beautiful day for going boating. A total of 7 members went on the trip and 5 made last minute cancellations for various reasons. We left the dock at 1:30 pm and returned at 4:30 pm. Anacapa Island is located 12 miles away. We were able to see a lot of dolphins, sea birds, seals and sea lions. We docked at Anacapa to pick up people who were returning to the mainland after camping or hiking at the island.

**September 14.** Election and installation of officers at Fuji's Restaurant in Oxnard. Please contact **Darrin Ching** at (805) 388-1544 if you are interested in running for office next fiscal year (October 2019 – September 2020). Except for **Vince Cruz** (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), all incumbents will seek reelection.

**Hawaiian Culture Get-Together.** Our club has been having our annual "Mini-Luau" for many years. But this year we will have a "Hawaiian Culture Get-Together Mini-Luau" on October 12 from noon till 3:30 pm. We hope to get other Hawaiian Cultural groups to participate in this get-together to tell us about their organization and/or perform. Prepared box lunches will be sold to all attendees at \$15. Contact **Ron Wong** at (805) 642-1328 if you want tickets. His address is 392 Tulane Avenue, Ventura, CA 93003. We have limited number of tickets so get yours early (at least by the September 14 luncheon date).

**Ventura County Fair.** The annual Ventura County Fair will be held from Wednesday, July 31 to Sunday August 11. The Ukulele Club of Ventura County under the direction of **Kaimana Pendergrass** will perform on August 6 from 12:30 – 1:30 pm at the Seabreeze Stage. This happens to be Senior and Handicap Day. Shortly after this performance the group will travel to Las Vegas.

**Passing of former member.** **Ellie Boon**, former member of our club and mother of **Dirk Boon**, passed away on July 2 at the age of 96. Services was held on July 13 in Whittier, California where she was buried along side her husband. Our deepest condolences to **Dirk, Evelyne**, and family.

**60 Years of Statehood.** Sixty years ago this month, Hawaii became the 50<sup>th</sup> state. I remember vividly that day when I was in the University of Hawaii library when news broke. The talk and noise of this news caused the normally quiet library to gradually erupt in talk and cheers. For years prior to statehood, we have been having "49 State Fairs" annually, hoping to become the 49th state. To become a state, Hawaii was paired with Alaska and this partnership could not pass through Congress. So in

1958, Alaska went solo and was voted “in.” Then the following year Hawaii was finally voted by Congress to become the 50<sup>th</sup> state.

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## **Mike’s Rambling Corner**

**Apollo 11 Landing.** It is hard to believe that the Apollo Landing took place 50 years ago. Astronaut **Neil Armstrong** actually walked on the moon for 2 hours and 40 minutes. **Armstrong** made \$27,400 a year at that time as an astronaut. What were you doing during this historic event? We (**Kay** and I) were at a friend’s house in Camarillo watching this event on TV. Our friend was from Hawaii and his wife from Okinawa so we became close friends. At that time there were only two medical doctors and 2 traffic lights in Camarillo and the population here was about 17,000 (according to the sign on Freeway 101). While watching this historic event unfold we talked about changes that could take place in the next 25 or 50 years. Now, as I’m writing this article, I’m trying to think of changes that can top or even be close to the landing on the moon. Many technological advancements have been made during the past 50 years but my predictions of people living on the moon never happened. Oh well....

**Mauna Kea TMT Controversy.** The Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) project has received a notice to proceed with construction from the Department of Land and Natural Resources after a four-year delay. State and county officials recently removed unauthorized stone structures erected by protestors in 2015 and were planning to provide safe access for construction crews to the site while allowing peaceful protest activity. Mauna Kea is the tallest mountain in Hawaii at 13,000 feet. The huge telescope will be used by the international scientific community to observe deeply into space. Many Hawaiians view Mauna Kea as a sacred mountain and are protesting this \$1.4 billion construction project. Many Hawaiians have been arrested while blocking work crews from doing their job.

## **TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE** (Rev Paul S. Osumi) (Thanks Jimmy)

1. Remember marriage is a 100-100 proposition. It’s not a 50-50.
2. Neglect the whole world rather than each other.
3. Never meet or part without an affectionate hug or kiss.
4. Each day, say at least one nice thing to each other.
5. Never go to bed angry. Settle all differences before the sun goes down.
6. Do not argue. Always talk things over.
7. Do not nag or engage in fault finding.
8. Never bring up mistakes of the past.
9. When you have made a mistake, say “I am sorry” and ask for forgiveness.
10. Never raise your voice or shout at each other unless the house is on fire.

**Learn to Listen.** A man in trouble said to his minister, “Thank you very much. You have helped me greatly.” Yet the minister had done nothing except to listen. If we are to do well in this world, we must learn to listen. In times of great stress, words are often futile. Often the only comfort and help we can give our friends in sorrow is to be silent and listen.

**Finding Faults** If you seek to find faults in others, you will not be disappointed. You are sure to find them. But if you go out to discover the good in men and women about you, you will find a host of heroes and saints live in your homes and shops and streets. Look for the best instead of the worst.